

SHE'S PRETTY, EVEN IF SHE IS A LAWYER.

Anita Haggerty Appears Before a Jury in the Interest of Her Father, Thus Scoring a Record for the Sex.

ANITA HETHERINGTON HAGGERTY is the name of a young woman to whom is the proud honor of being the first of her sex to conduct a case before a jury in the Supreme Court.

Anita Hetherington Haggerty is petite, brown eyed, soft olive complexion, and her lips are as red as rubies. Her hair is brown and she wears it becomingly coiled on top of her shapely head. She looks as

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started to stick into her hair, but she restrained herself in time. However, she could not restrain herself from conveying the end to her lips frequently and moistening the lead with her tongue. Neither could she refrain from biting the other end of the pencil. She early manifested a disposition to take copious notes.

Charles Mertens, an Irishman, was the first witness, and Anita Hetherington Haggerty cross-examined him. Mertens was not a good witness, his memory giving evidence of the effects of his frigid business, and when he saw a young woman stand up and start in at him with personal questions his face bore an expression that might come to the face of a man stumbling unexpectedly on a barbed wire fence in the dark.

The English, on direct examination, was fairly good. In answer to Miss Haggerty's questions his language was of a character to make Coroner Hooper's conversational efforts sound like Cicero's oratory.

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Cloudburst Imperils Two Hundred and Fifty Lives in a Market House.

CAUGHT IN A TORRENT. Thirty-five Frightened Females Carried Out to Safety on Men's Shoulders.

Reading, Pa., Oct. 12.—A tremendous cloud burst broke over Reading today. The torrent was terrific, and in fifteen minutes the sewers overflowed, carrying a flood of all directions.

The lives of over 250 people were imperiled in a frame market house standing at Fifth and Buttonwood streets. The building is located in a hollow, six feet below the pavement line. The overflow water from a sewer rushed into this space as if a dam had burst.

Inside the market the people were entirely unconscious of danger. The water was four feet high around the building before they were made aware of the situation by the doors breaking down and the flood rushing in, carrying everything before it.

A Scamper for Life.

Men and women ran for their lives. Some waded through the water to high ground, and others were caught in the torrent. Some of the women fainted and were caught up by men and carried through the flood, while others were floated out on butchers' blocks. The men, though almost up to their necks in water, carried out thirty-five women on their shoulders. Not a still in the market was standing when the water subsided the floor was covered with about three inches of thick, slimy, yellowish mud. Outside of the building, stalls and butcher blocks were floating around, while the fences around the building fell down and added to the general wreckage.

In the northeastern section of the city another stirring scene was enacted. Here a sewer burst, and the water in a few minutes rose to the height of eight feet in the street. Nicholls and Windsor streets suffered the most. Cellars were flooded, and before the water could be made to remove the household effects on the first floor the fast rising waters burst in and drove the frightened tenants to a higher place of safety.

Rescued in Rowboats.

Rowboats were procured and, with the assistance of policemen and firemen, all the residents were rescued from their perilous positions, many being taken from the second-story windows.

The water rushed into the steam forge of the Reading Iron Company, drowning the furnace fires and compelling the employees to flee. Several of the iron industries were obliged to close down. Over \$30,000 damage was done in Reading alone.

A STRUGGLE FOR STARS.

Western Vaudeville Managers Form a Rival to the Hopkins-Castle Syndicate.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 12.—The Hopkins and Castle syndicates are confronted by a strong rival in the vaudeville field.

Mr. Sam Gumpertz, formerly John D. Hopkins's manager, now conducting the Imperial Theatre in this city, has concluded a deal whereby Gus and Walter of the Orpheum circuit of the Pacific Coast, J. H. Moore, of the Rochester, Detroit and Milwaukee companies, and the St. Louis-Cincinnati people, agree to stand by one another in the competition for vaudeville stars.

By this arrangement they can give performers long engagements for going to the coast, and, in return, the split that the syndicates have made in the past is now divided between the two parties.

Notes of the Theatre.

An Independent Theatre in New York for the production of a number of Ibsen and other literary plays, which has for some time been promised by Charles B. Cochran, will not appear for some time, the manager, having been called to the St. Louis-Cincinnati people, agree to stand by one another in the competition for vaudeville stars.

"Today" Hamilton, of the Barham & Bailey Circus, will sail for London October 26, to make arrangements for the tour of "The Biggest Show on Earth" in England.

George W. Monroe will begin his starring tour in "A Happy Little Home," under the management of his brother, Robert B. Monroe, November 22.

By special arrangement with Miss Katharine Kidder, Manager Corried will tonight produce for the first time in German, Sardou's comedy, "Madame Sans Gêne."

The sale of seats for the first week of "Cumberland," which is to be produced at the Fourteenth Street Theatre next Monday, will begin today.

Manager Piton has arranged with Professor Atkinson, the English benevolent and manipulator, to give an illustrated lecture, at the Grand Opera House, October 21.

Frederick Ward's new play, "Iskander," will be produced for the first time October 4, at Lancaster, Pa.

"A Husband for Deputy," which is said to have had an entire year's run at Toole's Theatre, in London, will begin its American tour at Cohoes, N. Y., on Saturday.

"The Middleman" and the "Professor's Love Story" will be the plays in which Mr. E. S. Wilard will be seen next week at Wallick's Theatre.

The hit in the building of the new theatre by Millionaire H. M. Bennett, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for Davis & Krogh, is caused by the owners of two lots in the rear of the site.

"Papa Gou Gon" which closed its season last Saturday at Washington, owing to attachment proceedings instituted by a Washington lawyer, on a note given by P. C. Whitney to Mrs. MacLeod, will be sent on the road again in a few weeks, without Thomas G. Seabrooke.

"The play is a good bit of property," said Mr. Seabrooke, yesterday, "but was not happy. My part was not big enough for me, and the management too impetuous. I have had many new things to pick from, but shall select the one I will go out in until to-morrow."

The big spectacle, "Nature," which closed its season at the Academy of Music last Saturday, is said to have cost its promoter, Benjamin Cohen, \$50,000. Every debt, and every room connected with the enterprise, was paid in full.

JOKE MAY COST A LIFE.

Trying to Escape from a Locked Room by a Cornice Student Baylis Falls Forty Feet.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 12.—By a schoolboy prank Walter F. Baylis, a student at Fairfield Military Academy, has nearly lost his life. Some of the other students locked him in a room on the third floor of the building, about forty feet from the ground. Baylis thought to surprise his schoolmates, and opening the window undertook to walk along a narrow cornice to the next room. He lost his footing and went whirling to the ground. When picked up he was unconscious, his left wrist was fractured, his right arm dislocated, and he was injured internally. The boy's freak may yet cost him his life.

Albany Trips Discontinued.

The Albany Day Boats, New York and Albany, will discontinue their trips for the season after to-morrow.

UNIVERSAL DEMAND THAT THE LAWS MAKE ELEVATORS SAFE.

The Frequent Loss of Life and Maiming of Passengers Calls for an Improved System of Inspection and Legislation That Shall Insure the Best Methods of Construction.

MAKE the vertical railways of the Greater New York as absolutely safe as may be. The long and constantly increasing list of elevator accidents in the big office buildings and hotels of the metropolis renders this subject of paramount importance to the richest corporation president as well as the humblest clerk.

More than 5,000,000 persons ride daily on the 2,201 passenger elevators in actual operation in this city. Under existing methods of construction and inspection it is not exaggeration to assert that each one of these persons assumes a heavy risk every

located, the expert inspectors employed by the companies who insure against loss by accidents to elevators, the inspectors in the pay of the manufacturers of the elevators, and, finally, the men who inspect elevators for the city itself, and act under the orders of the Department of Buildings.

Plan of Inspection.

While it is probably true that in the very newest and tallest office buildings, competent engineers are employed to look after the machinery that runs the elevators, it is also a fact that in the older buildings the men employed for this important work are unlicensed engineers, with scarcely any scientific knowledge.

In the big skyscrapers the engineers are men who often command large salaries, ranging from \$2,000 all the way up to \$10,000. These men are expected to understand the mechanism of the elevators and to make daily inspections. In the American Safety Building, one of the tallest of all the skyscrapers, the engineer commands more than a good sized Western village, said:

"If we relied upon the city inspectors our elevators would be in bad shape. I fear the entire bank of elevators is inspected thoroughly by the chief engineer and his assistants every week. This comprises an inspection of the cables, safety clutches, governors, and every portion of the machinery. Then, to protect the elevator men from annoyance and to add them in their work, we have posted a notice like the following conspicuously in

"THIS ELEVATOR is regularly inspected by the SURETHING INSURANCE COMPANY. To facilitate the service, the public are requested to push the buttons to signal the car going up or down. To avoid accident, you are requested not to converse with the conductor, nor to interfere in any way with him in the discharge of his duty. Please get what information you want of the starter before entering the car."